



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Services



ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor

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Dear :

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION OF WATER TREATMENT DEVICE TESTING FOR NSF/ANSI STANDARDS 44 AND 53

The Department of Health Services (DHS), Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management (DDWEM) is accepting applications from independent testing organizations to provide third party certification of residential water treatment devices in California, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 116835. Specifically, DHS DDWEM is requesting applications for third party certification for devices certified under NSF/ANSI Standard 44 (Cation Exchange) and NSF/ANSI Standard 53 (Mechanical Filtration, Activated Carbon).

To submit an application, an organization must be certified for drinking water treatment device testing and must be an independent laboratory that is a Recognized Testing Organization as specified in Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 60404. A list of the organizations currently approved is available on the DHS DDWEM's website at

<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/ddwem/technical/certification/opcert/LabsApproved.pdf>.

Acceptable applications will demonstrate that the organization will evaluate water treatment devices following procedures consistent with those of DHS DDWEM. In particular, the application must explain the organization's plan to:

- Require application submittals consistent with the requirements of CCR, Section 60410
- Track status of applications
- Identify health claims being made and contaminants to be reduced or inactivated
- Review product test data to ensure NSF/ANSI test standards have been followed

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- Review proposed product literature to verify health claims and other requirements (including operational parameters)
- If appropriate, issue a certificate stating that the device meets all standards and that the health claims have been verified
- Submit certificates directly to DHS DDWEM, or submit a list of devices receiving certificates from the organization
- Provide regular status reports to DHS DDWEM on the number of applications received, the number of certificates issued, and the amount of time required to process each application
- Make device certification files available for DHS DDWEM review

The DHS DDWEM will be responsible for issuing the California certificate required by CCR, Section 60465, and will use the approved testing organization's certificate as the basis for DHS DDWEM action. The DHS DDWEM will conduct audits of the approved testing organization's certification procedures.

The applications are due by February 15, 2006. DDWEM will review the applications and will negotiate a delegation agreement with each qualified organization submitting an acceptable application.

If you have any questions, please contact Leah Walker, Technical Operations Section Chief, at (916) 449-5620 or via e-mail at lwalker2@dhs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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